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SUBJ: SHIPMENTS SAHELIAN RELIEF THROUGH COTONOU

REF: COTONOU 0730

1. OSRO TENTATIVE CONCLUSION IS AGAINST DIVERSION ON COTONOU BOUND SHIPS EVEN THOUGH PORT CONGESTION SEEMS INEVITABLE UNLESS STORAGE CAPACITY OUTSIDE PORT IS INCREASED. IF STORAGE SPACE AVAILABL IN COTONOU OVER AND ABOVE THAT AT THE PORT, OSRO WOULD PROPOSE TO RECOMMEND DONORS BEAR STORAGE COSTS FOR THE FEW MONTHS INVOLVED. THEIR CALCULATIONS INDICATE TOTAL 41,702 MT ARRIVING FOR NIGER DURING MAY AND JUNE. WITH MINUMUM 20,000 EVACUATED SAME PERIOD 21,000 MAXIMUM STORAGE REQUIRED. SHOULD EVACUATION EXCEED 500 MT PER DAY STORAGE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE LESS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE STORAGE CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN COTONOU TOWN ON MONTH TO MONTH BASIS AND COST INCLUDING RENTAL, EXTRA HANDLING CHAGES, PROTECTION FROM PESTS, SECURITY, ETC. EMBASSY CHANNEL BEING USED AS FAO IN ROME IS ON STRIKE BUT ASSUME INFORMATION CAN BE COLLECTED BY EYBEN OR DANISH OSRO VOLUNTEER UNDERSTOOD NOW WORKING IN COTONOU.VOLPE

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